

Northwest Neighborhood Association

Executive Board Minutes

June 11th, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM. Present were President Barb Adams, Secretary Diane Wichman, and Vice President Bill Humbert.

A few minutes were taken to read over the Minutes of our Dec. 7, 2009 Board Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting with the Land Use Committee. Bill made a motion to approve and Barb seconded. Both meeting minutes were approved.

Barb opened with a request from John Bildsoe, President of the Rockwood Association to join with them to purchase foodstuffs in bulk for our picnics which are the same night (National Night Out). Last year we had our picnic first and gave Rockwood our leftovers, which worked out great for their later picnic.

We discussed whether to again buy hot dogs, condiments, buns and borrow BBQ's or whether to just supply the tables, paper plates, flatware, water, port-a-potty and ice cream bars. We decided it would be simpler to provide the latter and have a potluck. We discussed paying the band, and for Clem the Clown.

Diane brought up that she had visited the Monday noon time band in the Arts Plaza and found it to be very nice. She suggested if Joe's band didn't want to play at the picnic, that we could find possible bands from those playing at the Monday Arts Plaza. We also discussed getting raffle items.

Bill called the Fire Department during the meeting to see if we could book them for a visit to the Picnic. He didn't get an answer but will call back and check later. Bill suggested that instead of a raffle we do Bingo and that he could get the works from the Fire Department if they still had it. *Secretary's note...ask ERA if they have theirs still. Barb suggested Greg Matthews be asked if he would come and call the Bingo game,

It was decided to have a Special Meeting on the new Bylaws July 12th, 7 PM, and vote to approve at that meeting. An email will go out on June 21st with the final draft Bylaws and the old Bylaws ahead of time and insist that those who come to the meeting read them and make their comments in writing/email so there will be no one showing up unfamiliar and confused. Barb asked about the Coalition's template and how our Bylaws worked with the template. Diane explained that what the Coalition wanted was a brief template that the Associations could build on to suit the size and participation of their members. In our Association we needed further language to affect the removal of Board Members who aren't performing and a process for it. We also have more committees that require job descriptions. Our new Bylaws are more suited to our activities and specific neighborhood problems. Barb will check into getting a room for the meeting.

It was decided to ask Kong Osburn to write and send Diane info on Gresham Sustainability which he wanted addressed. Diane will forward what he sends to the membership along with other news items.

Cans & bottles collection have been discontinued until someone asks to take charge. Diane will email a request.

Barb did get the grant she requested. The money will cover the community board. We got a total of \$800 and with our Adopt-a-Park work parties we have more than covered our matching funds portion.

We discussed possible prospects for Board Officers for our Annual Meeting.

Diane brought up maybe forming a committee to work on creating more interest and forming ideas to increase membership participation. She will get what info she has on file about this subject to Barb.

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting. Barb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Wichman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Diane Wichman, Secretary